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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. The documents are English translations of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 10-302676, 8-241667, 7-302558 and 8-22782 respectively, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 3, 2003.

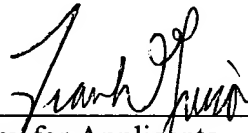
The Examiner is respectfully referred to the enclosed

English translations for the concise statement of relevance for the corresponding Japanese documents which correspond thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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